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Applicant's amendment E filed 11-26-97 and Information Disclosure Statement filed 3-13-98 have been received and entered into the record.

The single reference on the IDS has been fully considered and an initialed, signed copy of said IDS is attached to the Office action.



Because of the amendments to the claims, all rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and 35 USC 103 have been withdrawn. Therefore, all claims 9, 10, and 15 - 27 are now allowable.

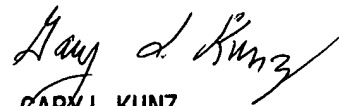
All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Kunz, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4623. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

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